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Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the recovery of the overpayment of mission subsistence allowance in the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission at its 3rd, 6th and 15th meetings, on 4, 5 and 26 October 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.3, 6 and 15).

3. For its consideration of this question, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (A/53/1023) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/418).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.12

4. At the 15th meeting, on 26 October, the representative of Poland, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft

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resolution entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission" (A/C.5/54/L.12).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.12 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Kuwait and the Philippines (see A/C.5/54/SR.15).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/238 of 26 June 1998 and 53/229 of 8 June 1999,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note with deep concern* of the administration's mishandling of this matter, as observed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 4 of its report;[2]

2. *Requests* the Board of Auditors to undertake a comprehensive audit of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission, in particular the question of payment of mission subsistence allowance, as a matter of priority;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on this question during a period not exceeding three months from the adoption of the present resolution, for consideration during its first resumed session;

4. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question in the light of the reports of the Board of Auditors and the Secretary-General at its first resumed session and decides that, pending its decision, all actions on this question should remain in abeyance.

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[1] A/53/1023.

[2] A/54/418.